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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1913.

THE "HOME PAPER" OF THE MIDDLE SECTION OF PROSPEROUS MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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IN ADVANCE.

WHOLE NUMBER, 2006.

## About Town Notes

To all the readers of the INDEPENDENT a very Merry Christmas!

The Christmas entertainment of Trinity Reformed Sunday school was rendered on last Thursday evening. There was music by the school, and recitations by Misses Dorothy Gristick and Bertha Saylor of the local department. The infant department took part in the exercises with a number of recitations and songs. The church was very neatly and attractively decorated. Sixteen pupils of the Sunday school received books for being present every Sunday.

The annual meeting of the Promoters' Industrial League of Collegeville was held in the Town hall, Thursday evening, when officers were elected as follows: President, William M. Hill, vice-president, E. S. Moser; secretary, D. H. Bartman; treasurer, Dr. Frank M. Dedman. A motion to submit to the members of the League a proposed change in the by-laws, providing monthly instead of quarterly meetings, was adopted. A special meeting of the League will be held on the third Thursday evening of January.

Miss Amanda Grubb is visiting for an indefinite period the family of Lewis Brownback, near Spring City.

Mrs. Wehler and daughter Margaret, of Frederick City, Maryland, are visiting relatives in town.

Miss Emma Miller is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

The Christmas vacation at Ursinus College started at 4 o'clock last Friday and will last until the 6th of January.

Nevin Renninger visited his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Renninger at Sassafrasville on Friday.

W. D. Renninger spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week in Pottsville.

Grover C. Fitzgerald, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his brother, Mrs. George F. Clamer and sons were in Philadelphia on Monday.

Mrs. John H. Barrett and George Barrett spent Sunday in Philadelphia at the home of relatives.

The School Board met on Monday evening instead of the previous Friday evening, because of the Neighborhood Night at Ursinus College.

Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, has a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Koons, of Allentown, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Koons' mother Mrs. Ann Koons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bechtel and family spent Sunday in Norristown, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hallman.

Mrs. Walter F. Shoemaker has been ill the past week.

Mr. Earl Brooke, of Narbeth, visited friends in Collegeville on Sunday.

Mrs. Rodenbough, of Fairview visited her sister Mrs. Price on Saturday.

Messrs. Ralph Watt and Raymond Bard, of Wayne, visited the former's parents on Sunday.

Miss Kratz was away over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller and Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Hunsicker visited relatives in Skippack on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mack, of Pottsville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Essig.

Mrs. D. H. Bartman and daughter visited relatives at Penn Square on Sunday.

Mrs. Charles E. Wehler and daughter are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ebert.

Mrs. Daniel Wismer, residing with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yost, Jr., has been quite ill the past week. Her condition is now somewhat improved.

Charles Grove Haines, Ph. D., and Mrs. Haines reached here Tuesday evening from Walla Walla, Washington. They will spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Moser. Professor and Mrs. Walter Douthett, of Bloomfield, N. J., also arrived in town Tuesday evening and will figure in the family reunion at the old domicile on Fifth avenue.

**Collegeville Mother and Daughter Substantially Remembered.**

The will of Miss Susan Gorgas, who had a number of relatives in Norristown, was probated at West Chester last week. To Mrs. Charles Hughes, of this borough, the sum of \$5,000 is bequeathed in trust, and to Susan Gorgas Hughes, daughter of Mrs. Hughes, and namesake of Miss Gorgas, is given the sum of \$3,000 to be held in trust until she becomes of age. Miss Gorgas was a cousin to Mrs. Hughes. A number of other bequests to persons and institutions are contained in the will.

**Christmas Exercises at Garwood School.**

A Christmas entertainment will be held in the Garwood school, Upper Providence on Friday evening, December 26. A good program will be rendered. All invited.

**Constipation Poisons You**

If you are constipated, your entire system is poisoned by the waste matter kept in the body—serious results often follow. Dr. King's New Life Pills will help you get rid of constipation, headache and other troubles. At all druggists or by mail, 50c. Pfeiffer Chemical Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis.

## The Death Roll

H. Cleaver Pugh.

H. Cleaver Pugh, of Trooper, died on Friday evening, aged 71 years. He leaves a widow and two children. Funeral was held on Tuesday at 2 p. m. Services and interment in the Lower Providence Presbyterian church and cemetery; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

Nary Sheeder.

Mary A. wife of Elwood Sheeder, of Port Providence, died on Sunday evening, aged 54 years. The husband and four children survive. The funeral will be held on Friday at 1:30. Services and interment in Green Tree church and cemetery at 2:30; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

Caroline Rhoades.

Caroline Rhoades, widow of Francis R. Rhoades, died on Friday at the residence of her son Calvin H. Rhoades, Limerick, aged 74 years. Funeral on Tuesday at 12 o'clock. Services and interment at Swamp Lutheran church and cemetery; undertaker F. W. Shalkop in charge.

Ruth Mae Miller.

Ruth Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Miller, of Limerick, died on Saturday, aged one month and 19 days. Funeral on Wednesday at 11 o'clock at St. James' Reformed church and interment in the adjoining cemetery, Limerick; undertaker F. W. Shalkop in charge.

## CHRISTMAS EXERCISES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

On Monday afternoon the pupils of the primary department of the Collegeville public school rendered a program of music, recitations, and dialogues, and performed their parts well, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Annie Smith. A large Christmas tree and evergreen decorations adorned the room. The pupils each received from their teacher a candy toy basket.

In the intermediate department, Miss Longaker teacher, the pupils gave an excellent program of music, dialogues, and recitations. The room was especially attractive with Christmas decorations. The exercises were held on Tuesday evening.

On Wednesday afternoon the Roosevelt Literary Society of the High School rendered a musical and literary program appropriate to Christmas.

**Trying to Start Brick Plants.**

Walter G. Roland, of Reading, is making an effort to raise the necessary funds to resume operations at the plants of the Perkiomen Brick Company which are located at Oaks, this county, and at Wyomissing, the latter having been the former Montello outfit. All the property of the Montello Brick Company has been acquired by the Perkiomen company. The former is practically extinct and will likely surrender its charter to the state at the end of the year. The chief owners of the latter are Richmond L. Jones, John A. Riggs and Walter A. Riggs. The plants have been idle since 1909. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were invested in them. The Wyomissing plant had a capacity of 25,000,000 bricks a year; the Oaks plant, 12,000,000. If Mr. Roland succeeds in his effort manufacturing most likely will be resumed next spring.

**Swat the Fly.**

It is very important at this season of the year that a strenuous effort be made to get rid of the few remaining flies in our homes. The most practical method is to open the windows some cold night, and let them get stiff, and in the morning sweep them together and burn them. This is an inexpensive method and less troublesome than fly fumigation. It is especially important that we exterminate the fly at this season because in the month of February the female fly is preparing for her millions of offspring and her death harvest.

**Returned Home.**

Joseph K. Shaner, of Schwenksville, whose back was very seriously injured in a fall, three months ago, while engaged at painting in the new Masonic Temple, this place, was taken from Charity Hospital to a room in Hendricks' hotel, at Schwenksville, Friday. He is still unable to walk.

**Penna. R. R. Wants More Room in Norristown.**

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has asked the Norristown council to vacate one block on Cherry street between Lafayette and Washington streets, for the establishment of an additional freight yard, which will cover two blocks, and will be situated near the passenger station.

**Dr. Hobson's Ointment Heals Itchy Eczema**

The constantly itching, burning sensation and other disagreeable forms of eczema, promptly cured by Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Geo. W. Pfeiffer, of Mendota, Ill., says: "I purchased a box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. I have been treated by many doctors, none have given the benefit that one box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment has. Every sufferer should try it. We sure positive it will help you. We guarantee it money refunded. At all druggists or by mail, 50c. Pfeiffer Chemical Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis.

## Neighborhood Night

Many Friends of Ursinus College View New Freeland Hall.

"Neighborhood Night" at Ursinus College last Friday evening was the occasion of quite a gathering of neighbors and friends in new Freeland hall, and the pleasant social event proved to be most gratifying to all who participated. After the guests were escorted in groups through the large wings of the remodeled building and witnessed with much surprise the extent and completeness of the extensive transformations that have been so well effected, they were invited to the dining hall where ice cream, cakes and coffee were served. This part of the program was followed by some speechmaking. President Omwake presiding. After the President expressed appreciation of the presence of neighbors and friends, he gave some interesting information relating to the benefits of the college already arising from the new and attractive dormitories for the students, from the large and modern culinary department and its first-class equipment, and from the roomy and inviting dining hall. He then called upon, in turn, Burgess H. H. Fetterolf, George F. Clamer, E. S. Moser, and A. H. Hendricks, Esq. Burgess Fetterolf spoke very entertainingly of Freeland hall as he knew it fifty years ago, and drew a number of suggestive comparisons between the days of the past and the present. Mr. Clamer voiced the sentiment of all present in speaking in appreciative terms of the great improvements made to the buildings. E. S. Moser read a brief paper, in which he noted some of his past observations regarding Ursinus College, and its work and achievements from 1875; advanced some thoughts upon the subject of education, and urged a continuation of mutual good-will and helpfulness on the part of the college and the community. Mr. Hendricks cleverly brought to view a vivid comparison of the past and present conditions of college life at Ursinus and paid a deserved tribute to the devoted and efficient service rendered in late years by President Omwake. It was the unanimous opinion of the assembled neighbors and friends that the authorities of Ursinus College deserve hearty commendation for authorizing the transformation of the interior and the improvement of the exterior of Freeland hall. The college is now equipped with students' dormitories, and dining room and kitchen departments second to no other educational institution in the state.

## Colored Children at Eagleville in State of Destitution.

Serious destitution prevails in the Industrial Home for Colored Children at Eagleville. The twenty-eight children were recently found to be entirely without food, and were not sufficiently clothed to keep warm. There was no fuel on the place, and general suffering prevailed. The official visitors designated by the court for inspection of charitable institutions went to the place a few days ago, in consequence of complaints, and discovered these conditions. There are twenty-eight inmates of both sexes, ranging in age from 3 to 17 years. Miss Isabella T. Woolston is the superintendent, and is also teacher, matron and seamstress. Since the cook left, the inmates have had to keep warm by the stoves. The reason for this is that some persons who have corn suitable for seed do not make the fact generally known. Have you good corn? If so bring the merits of your product before an intelligent and appreciative public by showing it at the Eighth Annual Corn Show of the Pennsylvania Breeders' Association, which will be held at York, Pa., January 20 to 23, 1914. Entrance free. For rules and entry blank apply to C. E. Myers, Secretary of Plant Section, State College P. O., Pennsylvania.

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## No Special Train to State College.

On account of the fact that the required number of people to secure a special train to the Pennsylvania State College for the annual farmers' week beginning December 29, have not reported, this train will not be possible. However, a Montgomery county party with County Agriculturalist A. E. Rothenberg, will leave on December 29 via Philadelphia and Reading Railway to Lewisburg and State College. The train leaves Norristown 9 and Pottsville 9:30 a. m. Reduced rates of one and three-fifths fare for the round trip will be offered. This will be about \$5.25 from Norristown and return. The party, while at State College, will be entertained at the Kappa Sigma Lodge House. Any one wishing to go is invited to join the party.

## Death of Former County Treasurer Henry B. Freed.

Henry B. Freed, county treasurer during the years 1905, 1906 and 1907, died Thursday evening at his home in Souderton. Asthma and an affection of the stomach caused death. He was fifty-one years of age. Mr. Freed was a courteous and efficient county treasurer and made a host of friends during his incumbency of that office. At the time of his death he was postmaster of Souderton, and was largely interested in real estate, and in a number of successful business projects. He leaves a wife and one daughter. The funeral was held on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock.

## READING TRANSIT INCREASES CAPITAL.

The Reading Transit and Light Company, owners of all the Schuylkill Valley trolley lines in Reading and from Reading to Chestnut Hill, and many other lines besides, have given the State, through its officials at Harrisburg, notice of its authority to increase its debt to \$50,000,000. The company passed a year ago into the hands of W. B. Bonbright and Company, New York bankers, and the purpose in increasing the debt is to provide new capital to extend its operations and to pay for a conduit system in Reading and exteriors, costing \$2,000,000. The company now controls over 200 miles of railway. Norman M. Crawford, of Youngstown, Ohio, was recently elected president to succeed William S. Barstow of New York, resigned. Dr. Walter Rigg, of Reading, has resigned as manager of some of the company's lines, including the Reading and Norristown divisions. He has been in charge of the Norristown division since the death of Mr. Hoeger. Dr. Rigg will retain his holdings in the underlying companies which were leased to the Reading Transit and Light Company.

## TWO LICENSES REVOKED.

Monday morning the court at Norristown revoked two retail liquor licenses. The White Front Cafe, on Main street, Norristown, of which George Huber is the proprietor, was refused a license. The place was improperly managed, so the court stated. Huber had wanted to have the license transferred to Edwin Hoeker. The other license revoked was that of the Rockledge hotel, of which Edward Wenker was proprietor. Girls of tender age and short skirts were allowed around the place. Wenker had asked to have the license transferred to George Young.

## Election Contest Declared.

In the contested election for town councilman of Lansdale Judge Weand handed down an opinion, Friday evening, in which he declared Elmer W. Rosenberg elected and not Samuel L. Bergey, to whom a certificate of election had been awarded by the election officers. On the ballots Mr. Rosenberg's name had appeared as E. W. Rosenberg, Democratic; Elmer W. Rosenberg, Washington. Samuel L. Bergey was voted for by stickers. Mr. Rosenberg was not credited with all the votes cast, which would have elected him, because of the difference in the names. The opinion of the judge includes the following: "We think the wishes of the voters should not be set aside for this informality. It can be shown that they voted for the one and the same candidate, whether as Elmer, E. W., or Elmer W. Rosenberg. The evidence shows that there was no other man named Rosenberg living in Lansdale at the time whose initials were E. W. or Elmer W."

## Increase the Yield of Your Corn.

The records for the last ten years show that the average yield of corn in this state is about 45 bushels per acre. Notwithstanding this rather low average yield a considerable number of farmers are securing yields almost double this amount, and some of them are securing an increased price for their corn by selling it for seed. The demand for good seed corn is greater than the available supply. One reason for this is that some persons who have corn suitable for seed do not make the fact generally known. Have you good corn? If so bring the merits of your product before an intelligent and appreciative public by showing it at the Eighth Annual Corn Show of the Pennsylvania Breeders' Association, which will be held at York, Pa., January 20 to 23, 1914. Entrance free. For rules and entry blank apply to C. E. Myers, Secretary of Plant Section, State College P. O., Pennsylvania.

## Jacobs Answers Mandamus Writ.

Dr. John N. Jacobs, county controller, through the county solicitor, John Faber Miller, Saturday morning filed an answer to the mandamus writ against the controller and county by Dr. Alexander C. Marshall, who wants the county to pay \$682.50 professional fees as the result of treatment of six residents of Royersford for cat bites. It is claimed that the six persons who were treated were not in need of free medical attention, and never received aid from the Poor Directors. The bill was contracted by the burgess of Royersford and the transaction is only between that borough and Dr. Alexander, the county thereby not being liable. The Poor Directors did not authorize the payment of the bill.

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## Farmers' Week

Why Farmers Should Visit State College.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Dec. 17.—The annual "Farmers' Week" at the Pennsylvania State College will be held from December 29 to January 3, inclusive. The farmers of the state will have at this time the entire school of agriculture at their personal command. This institution attempts to provide courses that will suit the conveniences and demands of everybody as far as possible. Four-year and two-year courses in agriculture are provided for those who can afford the necessary time and money. A short course of twelve weeks is given during the winter months when it is easiest for farm boys to get away from the farm. And now, in addition, a course lasting only one week is provided for those who would find it impossible to leave their farms for a longer period. Although many farmers are so situated that they are practically unable to leave their farms for even one whole day, a great many more farmers could avail themselves of the opportunities of "Farmers' Week" than actually do. The real question is "Can you afford to miss it?" And if the farmer takes advantage of a few of the things which he may learn on such a visit, it will undoubtedly mean many dollars in his pocket. Lectures, demonstrations and practices are given every hour of the day along all the lines of agricultural work, as dairying, general farming, fruits, vegetables, flowers, poultry, stock, etc. In the evening lectures will be given in the college auditorium of a more popular nature. All lectures and classes are open to women as well as to men. Also, the Department of Domestic Science will conduct a session throughout the week for the special attraction of the women. The practice in judging corn given each day will be of particular interest to the boys. Each day, practice will also be given in apple packing, figuring out fertilizer formulas, and working out dairy rations.

## Remember the session begins at 11 a. m., Monday, December 29th.

Talk the matter over with your neighbors. Work up a little enthusiasm. Get a delegation together. Let old Montgomery county be well represented. Don't forget your notebooks and pencils.

J. R. B.

## What the Historical Society Has Accomplished During Year.

A report of the work of the Montgomery County Historical Society for the year, a copy of which will be forwarded to the American Historical Association, shows an increase of membership of 81, amount raised for special work (borough centennial) \$2900; completion of Hancock tomb, \$25.26—total raised, \$566.67; granite marker, "Camp Pottsville," \$140; improved equipment; increase in pamphlets and magazines, 197; increase of museum articles, 270—total, 1080. The following papers have been read before the society: "Early History of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of St. Paul's Church, Ardmore, Pa.," by L. C. Parsons; "Dr. Robert Collyer," and also "Sally Wister," by Edward W. Hoeker; "Gwynedd Meeting," by Mary H. F. Merrill; "Visits of John Fothergill to North Wales Meeting in 1921," by Frances M. Fox.

## Chief of Police of Norristown Will Resign.

William H. Rodenbaugh, who has been chief of the police force of Norristown for thirty-six years, will resign at the next meeting of Town Council. In a recent investigation by the Police Committee he was acquitted of charges of irregularities in the collection of witness fees. Rodenbaugh was appointed chief April 1, 1878, and is the oldest chief in point of service in Pennsylvania, and second oldest in the United States. He was born in Plymouth township in 1847.

## BLACK ROCK AND VICINITY.

Master Irvin Stierly, son of Joseph Stierly of Arcola, is ill with typhoid fever. The Christmas entertainment held at Quaker school Saturday evening was well attended and a good program was rendered. Mr. and Mrs. George Hallman and family, of near Mont Clare, spent Sunday with the family of Alvin Landes, of Yerkess.

## Mr. Frank Troutman, of Berks county, spent the week end with the family of John Troutman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones and Mr. and Mrs. John Troutman attended the funeral of Henry Freed, of Souderton, Tuesday of this week.

Charles Jones' sale was largely attended and things brought good prices.

## How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

We, the undersigned, have known F. W. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, TOLEDO, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## ESTATES ADJUDICATED.

Among the estates adjudicated by Judge Solly in the Orphans' court, last week, are the following:

Bradford A. Lee, Conshohocken, balance, \$20,964.48.

William Carson, Sr., Norristown, \$3576.49, of which Martha J. Moore, Annie D. Schwenk, James N. Carson, Mary C. O'Neill, Amanda Baldwin and the estate of William Carson deceased, each receive \$596.09.

Louis Kunzel, Conshohocken, \$2876.59, which is divided equally among John, George and Louis Kunzel and Lizzie Marwood.

Lydia H. Barnsley, balance, \$3327.21.

Ida H. Westbrook, Hatfield, \$1138.89, of which Laura C. Hanratty, Charles N. Hanratty, Raymond, Dorothy, Arthur and William Westbrook and Augustus Reiner and Charles Hanratty are to receive \$87.60, and Charles B. Westbrook, \$338.09.

Emily V. Q. Rembold, of Montgomery county, \$299.55, of which Cordelia M. Barton and the estate of Gertrude Noble, each receive \$69.89, Cordelia and Charles Creagmille, each \$34.95, and Ivy Markland, Charles Quik, Julia Quik and Bertha Ash, each \$17.47.

## YERKES.

To Director of the Poor, Jacob Esht. The Yerkes correspondent has carefully read your article and he hopes there is no ill will on your part, as there is none on my part. You think it will be a gain to the county by cutting down the timber and selling the same as lumber. Now, my friend, don't you believe when all expense is charged up it will be found that the undertaking will be like traveling in a circle, and end about where it started, and the great county of Montgomery will be about where it started, financially, with the almshouse grove a thing of the past, which will cause many sighs of regret from hundreds of people who have spent many happy and pleasant hours in the shade of the great trees.

Mr. Geo. J. Hallman and wife and children and his father Samuel H. Hallman, of Mont Clare, and Mrs. Good and son Henry of Chester county were Sunday visitors at Twin Pines.

Emanuel Hertzler and family visited James G. Detwiler's family on Sunday.

A farmer not half a mile from Yerkess came home late one night last week and saw a Scotch Collie near his hen house, and it is known that dog don't go from home without his master. Better look out next time Mr. Farmer sees game he might have his gun.

L. C. Williams, Esq., in company with his wife, was in our neighborhood on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Colehower entertained E. H. Detwiler and family at Sunday evening tea.

The C. C. Jones sale was well attended and things brought fair prices. Horses, \$121, \$149 and \$113; colts, \$62; cows, from \$35 to \$88.

Edward and Norris Detwiler barely escaped a serious accident while fastening a pump jack to a cement floor with melted lead. As they poured the lead in holes to fasten bolts the material exploded and burned their faces.

William A. Hunsberger took E. H. Detwiler and family on a forty-mile joy ride on Sunday afternoon in his Ford auto by way of Phoenixville, Paoli, King of Prussia, Malvern, Bridgeport and Norristown.

Harry Detwiler and wife were entertained at Sunday dinner by L. C. Landes and family. Mr. Landes, in company with them, attended Sunday school at Skippack in the afternoon.

Joshua Custer spent Sunday with Mrs. Elizabeth Hunsberger.

Mr. Marvin Godshalk and wife visited Abner Godshalk and wife on Sunday.

Frank Landes and family spent Sunday with William Cassel's family.

John Kolb and wife and George Hunsberger and wife spent Sunday with Rev. Jesse Mack's family.

Andrew Mack was quite ill for a few days, but is out again.

Harry March's cow sale was largely attended on Monday, and cows sold at fair prices. Turkeys sold from 23 to 26 cents.

Mr. Frank Troutman, of Berks county, spent Sunday with John Troutman and John G. Fetterolf.

Emanuel Hertzler and family visited James G. Detwiler's family on Sunday.

Mrs. A. C. Landes and daughter and Mrs. E. H. Detwiler and daughter spent Saturday afternoon with Andrew Mack's family.

Mr. Joseph Cronauer, of Reading, spent Thursday night with John Detwiler.

## H. M. Brownback for Solicitor of Norristown.

On account of Attorney John M. Dettra's declining the nomination for Borough Solicitor of Norristown, a caucus of the Republican members of the next Town Council was held one night last week at City Hall. Following an expression of regret at Mr. Dettra's action, the name of Henry M. Brownback was brought forward, resulting in the former postmaster being chosen by the caucus as candidate for the solicitorship.

## News From Trappe

"The Nativity" is the subject of the Christmas services of Augustus Sunday school on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The primary department will have a number of exercises and singing, besides several recitations and singing by the intermediate department. The choir under the leadership of Mr. E. B. Moyer will sing "Hail, Joyful Morn"—Pike. Mr. Austin Godshall, graduate of the Crane School of Music, will sing the tenor solo, "The Prophecy," from Handel's Messiah. "Silent Night" will be sung, unaccompanied, by a mixed quartette. The service will open with the processional hymn, "Joy to the World," followed by the responsive chanting of the Psalm and will close with the recessional hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." All who enjoy churchliness in its distinctive form will find the services highly edifying.

One of the attractions in the upper end is the display of the popular Poinsettia Pulcherrima in the windows of the Lutheran parsonage. There are thirty-three of these Mexican beauties from ten to twelve inches across, presenting a scene of red tropical brilliance which attracts all passers-by, and is well worth seeing.

Christmas exercises will be held in the United Evangelical churches at Trappe, Limerick and Ziegler'sville as follows: Trappe, Thursday evening, December 25; Limerick, Saturday evening, December 27; Ziegler'sville, Sunday evening, December 28. Excellent programs are prepared for the occasions. A large attendance is anticipated. All are welcome.

The winter communion service will be held in St. Luke's Reformed church next Sunday morning. In the evening of the same day the quarterly missionary meeting under the direction of the W. H. and F. M. S. will be held. The address will be delivered by Mrs. J. G. Rupp, wife of the Field Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed church. There will also be singing by St. Luke's Glee Club. Service preparatory to communion will be held on Friday evening of this week.

James Schleicher and Mable Schleicher, of Honeybrook, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Schleicher, of Elvertown, Pa., were visitors in town on Saturday.

A Reiner Rambo and daughter Eleanor, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mrs. Jane G. Rambo.

Mrs. J. G. Rambo is having the house, occupied by John Miller, repainted and roofed.

Ernest and Arthur Vetrone, of Philadelphia, formerly of this place, visited friends in town Saturday and Sunday.

Calvin Umstead and family, of Norristown, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. C. Umstead.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner, of Norristown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Schrack.

John Powell and family last week removed from Fruitville to this borough, taking



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E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, December 25, 1913.

THE INDEPENDENT extends to all its readers the compliments of Yuletide and heartily wishes them a Merry Christmas!

THE conference report on the new currency bill, a measure of great importance to the country, passed the House of Representatives Monday night by a vote of 298 to 60. The report was promptly sent to the Senate. A final vote on the conference report in the Senate was fixed for 2.30 Tuesday afternoon, and it is practically certain at this writing that President Wilson's signature has since been attached to the bill and that the new law, the creation of which has been attended with much discussion in the House and Senate, and throughout the country, has been finally enacted. The changes and modifications made in the House and Senate to the original bill which now stands as the currency law of our country, indicated a disposition on the part of the statesmen at Washington to give the country the best possible currency law without deference to political or other interests; a law that will permit of a currency of sufficient elasticity to provide for the fluctuating needs of the country, and at the same time a monetary system primarily based on intrinsic values and guarded by the power of the United States Government. The lawmakers at Washington have done well, very well.

THE editor of the INDEPENDENT notes with special interest and approval the change that has come over the output of the thinking apparatus of editor Saylor of the Pottstown Blade, respecting current socialistic tendencies.

From the Conshohocken Recorder: "Public speakers are quick to charge the newspapers with publishing bare untruths on political and economical questions in which the public is interested but desire the public to swallow their statements, no matter how prejudiced they may be, without question. There is no doubt that many newspapers discolored the truth and actually make lying statements and the same can be said of many spell-binders who are paid for advocating various political and economic movements. Half truths and whole untruths, whether they come from the platform or the press, are soon discovered by the people. It pays all hands to stick to the truth." True enough. And it is always right to "stick to the truth," whether it "pays" or not. Too frequently, alas! some public speakers, and some newspapers, assume to cast unjust reflections upon those who fail or refuse, for sufficient reason, to dance to certain kinds of platform music and endorse newspaper statements lacking verification.

WITH pleasure the editor of the INDEPENDENT accepts the explanation of Town and Country, of Pennsylvania, respecting its attitude toward the Democratic conglomeration of opposing political factions in this county. Expressing abundant confidence in and loyalty toward the Wilson administration, Palmer, Diefenderfer and the new State organization, our cotemporary voices the belief that Mr. McAvoy "is in league with the former Donnelly-Ryan-Guffey gang which was thoroughly repudiated, but now is straining every nerve to come back and feed at the public crib, and if opportunity offers, to sell out the party to Penrose, or his heirs." That's squarely hitting the nail's head. Town and Country is right in saying that its position is complex because of the complexity of the Democratic situation in this county. We have only to remind our cotemporary that the present attitude of Messrs. McAvoy and Christman is one of bitter and unrelenting hostility toward Congressman Diefenderfer—hostility only partially expressed by their high-sounding bluffs in public print.

## THE LIQUOR DEALERS' LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE.

The Liquor Dealers' Law and Order League of Montgomery county organized with a membership of about 250, at Norristown last week. As outlined, in part, in the last issue of the INDEPENDENT, the purposes of the League are: 1. To comply strictly with all the requirements of the liquor laws and rules and regulations of the Montgomery County Court respecting the sale of liquors. 2. Not to sell to minors, to persons visibly intoxicated, nor to persons of known intemperate habits, nor to other prohibited classes; not to furnish free hot lunches; not to make sales nor gifts of liquor on election day or on Sunday; not to allow the playing of cards, dice, pool, or other games of chance on the licensed premises; not to keep noisy or disorderly houses, or permit music, dancing, or other forms of public entertainment for the purpose of drawing customers, nor to keep open at unreasonable hours. 3. Not to distribute as gifts any intoxicating beverages or souvenirs of any description on holidays, or during the holiday season, etc. 4. Not to sell or furnish liquors on a pass-book or order on a store, nor to receive from any person any goods, wares, merchandise or provisions in exchange for liquors; not to permit "rushing the growler." 5. To instruct employees to faithfully observe the liquor laws. 6. To keep the bar-room entirely closed on Sunday and on election day. 7. To require of persons suspected of misrepresenting their ages to sign a paper stating date of their birth. 8. To prosecute all minors misrepresenting their ages. The intentions of the Liquor Dealers' Law and Order League are clearly wise, and worthy of commendation. It will be remembered that in times past the INDEPENDENT advised, practically, just such action as has been taken. Though somewhat belated in their organization and in the expression of clear and rightful purposes, the liquor dealers of the county have scored right up to the standard of law and order that has been and always will be expected of them by all law-abiding citizens of the county. Now, the real test will come in rigidly putting into effect the purposes of the newly organized League. If these purposes are thoroughly effectualized through the instrumentality of the inspecting representatives of the League, public sentiment in Montgomery county will not only endorse the League, but it will demand that the dealers in strong drink shall be protected in their rights under the law. The Brooks High License Law fully meets the requirements of present social conditions with respect to the use of alcoholic beverages. Let it be rigidly enforced, so that if there are any liquor dealers in the county who cannot make up their minds to do a strictly legal business, and do it, they will be forced to make up their minds to get out of business.

From the Springfield Republican: The Canadian Government has appropriated a sum of \$10,000,000 to cover a period of ten years beginning with March 31, 1913, for instruction and research in agriculture. Part of this will be applied to furthering the work of the Federal Department of Agriculture by assisting and developing the live stock, dairying, fruit growing and other industries along lines of investigation, improvements in transportation, etc., while agricultural education of all grades will be materially enlarged. The agricultural colleges are to be improved, elementary schools and short courses in agriculture, horticulture and dairying are to be established, and agricultural teaching is to be introduced into the public schools. The sum of \$20,000 a year is allotted to veterinary colleges.

## Farm and Garden

### HOW TO BUILD HOTBEDS.

The Sunken Type Best For Raising Early Plants From Seed.

Of the several types of hotbeds in general use the sunken or pit type is, all things considered, the best for the raising of early plants from seed. This style of bed is constructed by excavating a pit six feet wide and two and one-half feet deep and as long as necessary to accommodate the number of 3 by 6 foot sashes it is desired to use. The sides of the pit are boarded up with rough lumber nailed to posts which may be placed three feet or more apart. If some degree of permanency is desired good material will need to be used. Chestnut lumber is very serviceable and reasonably cheap; spruce comes next in point of durability and cheapness. The sides of the pit should be raised above the surface of the ground twenty inches at the back and twelve inches in front. This will provide ample pitch to the sash for shedding rain and also be of sufficient angle for good construction of the sun's rays and heat. Good sash should be used.

The location of the hotbed should be chosen where the natural drainage is good and, if possible, where there is a good windbreak at the north side. If a suitable sheltered spot is not available then a tight board fence six feet high and extending several feet beyond each end of the hotbed should be erected.

Tramp the snow well about apple and plum trees to prevent injury by mice.

One of the winter tasks that is too often neglected in the family orchard and vineyard and on ornamentals is judicious cutting back and thinning out of the new growth and of such of the old wood as can advantageously be removed.

There is probably no better covering for the strawberry bed during the winter than a layer of good, clean straw of some kind, though some growers prefer to use a mulch of straw manure. Whatever material is used, it should be as free as possible from the seeds of grass and weeds, otherwise they will cause trouble when they come up among the plants in the spring.

The main reason for covering straw berry plants is to prevent the alternate freezing and thawing of the soil during cold nights and warm days. When plants are not protected they are likely to have their crowns and roots injured and may die. In addition to preventing this, the mulch will help retain moisture and may retard the blooming period for a week or ten days. The latter is advantageous, since the killing of the blooms by the late frosts in the spring may be avoided.

Our doubts are traitors and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt.—Shakespeare.

Hotbeds and cold frames are quite satisfactory for storing celery. They may either be dug out deeper or have another set of boards on top to give the required height. The plants are set in the frame close together and then covered with boards lapped to shed rain. In very cold localities such frames are covered with sash, over which are mats covered with boards. Ventilation must be given on warm days by blocking up the sash. Celery is also stored successfully in trenches, with the boards used in blanching nailed in V shape and placed over the top. If warm weather follows the troughs are blocked up to admit air. When frost comes a light furrow is thrown up along the boards and later on the trench is thrown over them, but this trench plan is usually adopted when the crop is to be sold early in the winter. Tops of celery should always be dry when it is stored, and some soil is lifted with the plants. It must be stored before hard freezing.

### GOING TO LAW.

When a written contract is made, do not allow the other party to carry it away. Have it made in duplicate, so that each party may keep a copy. A rural carrier is required to travel his route in its entirety each day on which service is to be performed, unless it is absolutely impossible for him to do so because of extraordinary weather or road conditions. Complaints of irregularities in the rural mail service when submitted to the postoffice bureau with all the facts in the case will receive careful consideration.

### THE END OF THE HARVEST.

The harvest of harvests is within the mind of the man who, viewing his crops and flocks garnered and sheltered against the winter's needs, sees a just return for his labors. Whether the year has been full or lean, whether or not the promise of seed has been fulfilled by the bounty of the reaping, the end of the harvest brings its own reward. If he has realized contentment in moderation he comes to the end of the year without regret.

Let the countryman be thankful that his work is a life, not merely a craft or form of toil. It is a vital, throbbing existence in the midst of a world of living things. It is a God made vocation.—Country Gentleman.

### RODENT PROOF CORNBIGS.

Old Fashioned Sort Give Way to Steel Structures.

Every farmer knows that corn stored in the ordinary crib is exposed to more or less damage from rats, mice, birds and chickens, and he makes allowance for this loss. The extent of the damage from these sources depends upon

the kind of crib used and the length of time the corn is in storage. In the old fashioned rail crib, which is now virtually out of date in the older states, the loss was very great.

During the last few years the steel crib has come into use as a rodent proof structure. There are several makes and styles of these cribs upon the market, but the principle involved in each is the same. A description of two steel cribs in use on the Ohio State university farm may be of interest to farmers who are unfamiliar with this method of storing corn. They are made of perforated galvanized steel, circular in form, and stand on concrete foundations. The perforations admit air, and further ventilation is provided by a perforated steel tube extending up through the center of the crib and out through the top. The roof is of steel. These cribs have a capacity of 500 bushels each. They cost \$150 apiece, not including the foundation and the cost of erecting.

In laying the foundation for the steel crib the excavation is made, and a foot or so of subsoil is put down. On top of this several inches of cement are laid, then a layer of steel sheets and finally another coat of cement. The steel sheets prevent the moisture from rising from the soil. The floor is raised slightly in the center, so that if water should gain entrance it would immediately run out of the crib.

These cribs have been in use over three years and have proved entirely satisfactory. They are absolutely rat, mouse, bird and chicken proof and, with the aid of a good padlock, are thief proof. Weights were kept of corn stored in them for over a year, and the only loss was due to evaporation of moisture. The steel crib then appears to be the safest place for the farm storage of corn.—Country Gentleman.

Farm profits will be increased more substantially by increasing average yields than by increasing acreages.—Farm and Fire side.

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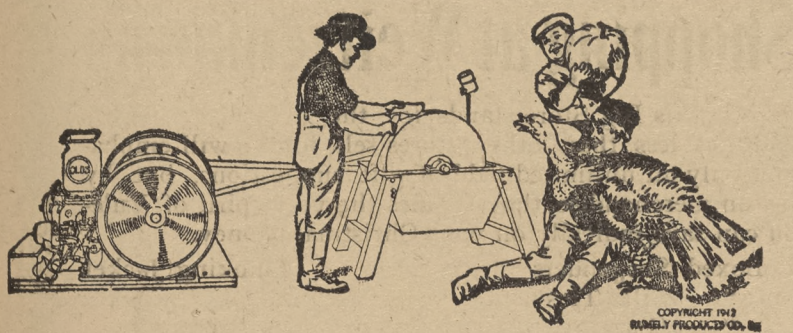
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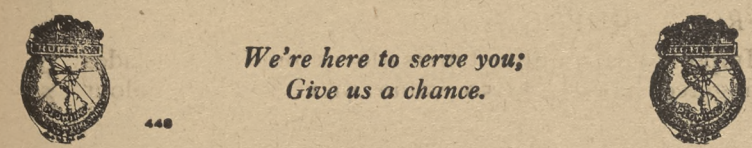
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**P. K. Gable, Proprietor.**

## The First Christmas

It often has been stated that the birth of Christ must have occurred four years before the date fixed on for the current chronology and that it is probable the event befell at some other time in the year than a few days after the winter solstice. The reason for the confident assertion is the ascertaining of the fact that Herod died about four years B. C.

The basis of this supposition is the report that at the time of the birth of Christ "there were shepherds abiding in the field, watching their flocks by night," a circumstance not natural in the latitude of Bethlehem near the shortest day. That is the height of the rainy season in Judea, and the date does not appear to have been observed generally before the fifth century.

Many students of Biblical history have argued that the story about the star of Bethlehem points to a date for the Nativity not later than May 8, B. C. 6. On that date the planets Venus and Jupiter were so closely in conjunction as seen from the earth that the apparent distance between them was equal only to the breadth of the full moon. These planets were



THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

then visible in the east a couple of hours before sunrise and must have produced a strikingly beautiful appearance and have been spoken of as one object. That was about fifty days less than two years before the death of Herod, a fact which harmonizes well with other conditions of the narrative, for it is probable that the mandate for the slaughter of all the children two years old and under was issued some months before his death, and the limit of two years would leave an ample margin for any uncertainty.

It is remarkable, too, that in the spring of the same year there was a triple conjunction of planets—Saturn, Jupiter and Mars—and that the first two named were in conjunction as seen from the earth no less than three times in the year preceding—that is, B. C. 7.

Another theory about the star of Bethlehem which has been advanced is that the star seen by the magi is Spica, the leading brilliant in the constellation of Virgo, the Virgin. For many years before and after the Christian era the star was changing its place until it was then literally a "star in the east," and its movement in that direction may have been the very fact noticed by the wise men of some centuries preceding who expected that the prophecy about the Virgin would be fulfilled when its principal star reached the position noted. If this were so the visit of the magi from Bactria, in the far east, is easily explained, and the chief difficulty attending the explanation lies in the fact that such an important search as this undertaking is noticed by only one out of the four evangelists.

The uncertainty of the centuries in regard to the date of the Nativity in year and month may never be cleared up. Its existence has been unfairly cited as reason for disbelieving the whole narration. The people of 2,000 years ago a tached little importance to dates, except current ones, and it may be remembered that the destruction of Jerusalem occurred between the time of the Nativity and the writing of the gospels, at least in the shape in which it has come down to us.

## THE STORY THAT NEVER GROWS OLD.

Like the songs that are sung in the twilight,  
Like the tales that are tenderly told,  
Like the memories of loved ones that haunt our hearts,  
There's a story that never grows old.

Lo! The angels first sing it in chorus,  
And the watchers with wonder behold,  
They feel the first thrill of the story,  
In the story that never grows old.

Round the Christ Child of Bethlehem's cradle  
Are clusters of apples of gold,  
And pictures of silver adorn every page  
Of the story that never grows old.

It gladdens the hearts of all children,  
And millions of manly mold  
Are happier, holier, better by far,  
For the story that never grows old.

—Franklin Trusdell.

## The Christmas Guest.

Whoso shall come any way this night,  
By moor or hill or shore,  
For him the blessed lights 'll light,  
For him the open door.

(Oh, Mary, grant my Son's sake,  
Though mine come in no more!)

My heart is sweet, my Yule logs burn,  
My board is decked and spread;  
My heart shall share his woes,  
And on his head my hand shall rest  
To bless him ere he goes.

(Oh, Mary, grant my Son's sake,  
Though mine come in no more!)

Bliss, bidden or beggared come for guest,  
My heart shall share his woes,  
And on his head my hand shall rest  
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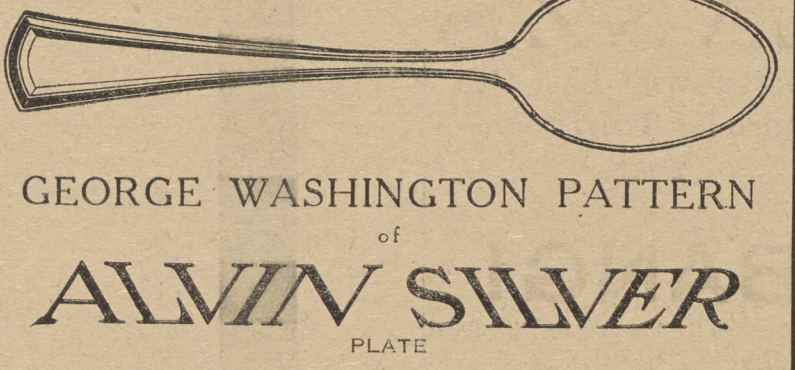
(Oh, Mary, grant my Son's sake,  
Though mine come in no more!)

This night, for thy one Son's dear sake,  
Wait light and warmth and wine.  
Oh, Mary, we are mothers both!  
Take these my tears for sign,  
And this I do for thy sweet Son.  
Will thou not do for mine?  
—Theodosia Garrison.



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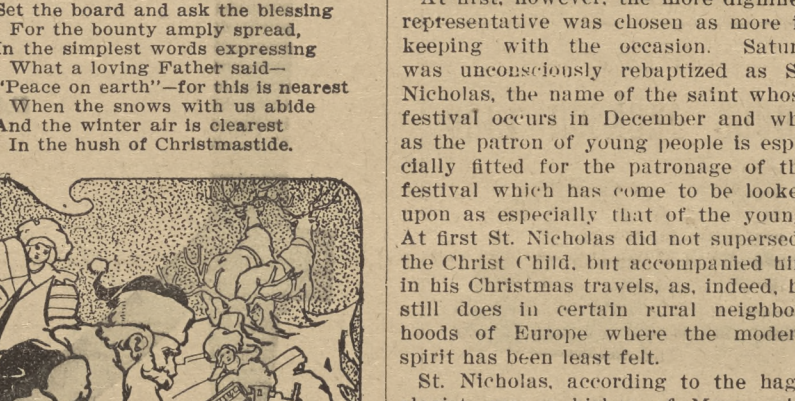
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## A Song of Christmas

TWINE the bitter-sweet and holly  
Arched above the hearthstone's glow,  
Joy, not melancholy,  
Come, drifting with the snow.  
In each face the frost's a-singling,  
And afar on flying wings  
Come the sleigh-bells' rhythmic jingle  
Through December's journeying.

Set the board and ask the blessing  
For the bounty amply spread,  
In the simplest words expressing  
What a loving Father said—  
"Peace on earth"—for this is nearest  
When the snows with us abide  
In the hush of Christmastide.



HIS REINDEER STEEDS ARE PRANCING.

Bring the old musician's fiddle,  
Relic of the bygone days,  
Send the fairest down the middle  
While the living music sways.  
Light of foot and quick of laughter,  
Swing the dancers, toe and heel,  
As they pass or follow after  
In the quaint Virginia reel.

Make a welcome for the stranger  
Should his footsteps cross the door,  
By the memory of the manger  
And the hostess' high hosanna.  
Gather children's faces round you,  
As he gathered them long since,  
If it be the years have crowned you  
With their radiance divine.

Deck the tree and light the candles,  
Let the stockings all be hung,  
For a saint with furry sandals  
Or the hostess' high hosanna.  
And his reindeer steeds are prancing  
Through the star-bespangled rime,  
And the moonbeams pale are glancing  
In the merry Christmas time.

—Ernest McGaffey.

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## Ancestry of Santa

WHAT is Santa Claus' age?  
The jolly, rollicking, old fellow that we know has made his appearance on earth in so many guises that the secret of his first coming threatens to remain forever veiled in the mist of antiquity. No one can say with any certainty just when he first made his appearance among prehistoric men, for merry old Santa in one form or another delighted children's hearts in many a pagan household centuries before the commencement of the Christian era and prior to any recorded history.

The name of Santa Claus, by which he is known in America, is the Dutch pet name for St. Nicholas. The name Kriss Kringle, by which he is known in England, is a corruption of Christ Kindeln or the Christ Child. But the festivities that distinguish Christmas existed long before Christianity, and a jolly god of good cheer appears as the personification of the period from the earlier pagan times. Now the Santa Claus of today is simply that old jolly god sobered up, washed and purified.

The Dionysia of the Greeks, the Saturnalia of the Romans, the Twelve Nights of the old Norsemen and of the Teutons all celebrated the coming of the winter solstice. People then gave themselves up to all sorts of revelry and excess. In the Dionysia the representative figure was not the young Dionysus or Bacchus, but the aged, cheery and disreputable Silenus, the chief of the Satyrs and the god of



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OAKS.

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.—Micah, 5:2.

The scholars of the Green Tree Sunday school gave a most delightful entertainment in the church on Sunday forenoon. It was the occasion of their Christmas festivities. The little folks acquitted themselves splendidly. The music was of a first-class selection and rendered charmingly. Of those we knew, Dorothy McKee and Mary Myers each sang solos, sweetly and charmingly. Carroll Umstead's recitation was good, but every one can be praised in making this entertainment most worthy of the event, the glorious Christmas time. Miss Mabel Longacre's reading were fine. Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. McKee, Jonathan Detwiler, Rev. C. Davis, and Joseph Fitzwater, after which the distribution of gifts were made. The veteran Sunday school worker, Mr. Fitzwater, was remembered, and Lewis Griffin, who has been secretary of the Sunday school for forty years or more, was not forgotten. Mr. Griffin is also a veteran in Sunday school work.

Next Sunday evening, December 28, the Young People of the Green Tree church will hold their entertainment.

Our old friend Joseph Umstead—Joe, as we call him—has been badly out of commission with a bad cold, but is considerable better at the present time.

Mr. Groff, of the County Home, attended the Christmas festival at Green Tree on Sunday.

The 'coon hunters were out Saturday night.

The next big event at Oaks will be the Poultry Show, Tuesday evening, January 6, 1914.

December 16, 17, 18, Ember days, and as the weather was those days so will it be for the next three months. But it is necessary to reckon with the goosebump and the groundhog before you make any remarks on what will come next. Next Friday is the last Friday in the month. Can't just tell what the weather will be next month.

Mary Nines, or Ninels, died on December 8th at the County Home. She was ninety-five years of age. She was an inmate of the County Home for fifty-three years, four months and eight days, entering the institution August 1, 1860. She was an old veteran nurse.

Arnold Francis is a chicken fancier and chicken raiser, and as he is in the business as a side line he makes it pay. He raises the Rose Comb Rhode Island Red and he shipped some eggs to Columbia, South Carolina. He has sold one thousand eggs for hatching this season. He has the chickens that lay when eggs are scarce, and has been getting from thirty to forty eggs a day since October 1 from less than one hundred hens. If you want hens that lay, call on Mr. Francis, as he has chickens that are attractive, as well as full of business.

Have you done your Christmas shopping yet?

Just to fill in this space, we might say Bert Smith's dog, which is fourteen years old, is hard of hearing.

Mr. Boogar, our storekeeper, has California apples three cents a piece; but just you wait until the apple trees on the Red Russet Farm begin to produce, then we are promised the best apple on the market.

Dr. Brown, steward at the County Home, and son Theodore, were in Oaks, Thursday.

Frank H. Jarrett is on the sick list.

Rev. J. G. Francis, of Lebanon, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Francis, Sr.

Mrs. J. U. Francis, Sr., has been on the sick list for a time.

Mr. I. R. Weikel was in Phoenixville on Friday.

Miss Dorothy Weikel, of Mont Clare, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Weikel.

While Mrs. William Morris was coming down the hill at Mine Run Bridge near Casselberry's Ecton farm the horse she was driving stumbled and fell over dead.

You don't want to forget the services and communion in St. Paul's Memorial Church, Oaks, Christmas morning at 8.30 o'clock; or the Sunday school festival and Christmas Tree, Saturday afternoon, the 27th, at 2 o'clock.

Guilty of Perjury.

A jury, before Judge Ryan, of Bucks county, at Norristown on Tuesday, found Bernard Stern, of Philadelphia, guilty of perjury. The charges grew out of a suit involving the sales of the Methodist Church property in Conshohocken.

A GREAT MEDICAL TRIUMPH.

The report that Dr. Noguchi of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research has at last discovered the germ of rabies is of world-wide interest. It marks one more triumph of the remarkable institution founded by the generosity of a great American captain of industry. Professor Metchnikoff calls the discovery another milestone of bacteriological history. If the Japanese pathologist has solved the problem that has baffled scientists his name will live in history. The horrible sufferings of the victims of rabies make this one of the most dreadful of all diseases.—Leslies.

Philadelphia Market Prices.

Wheat	90 to 92c.
Corn	74 to 76c.
Oats	45 to 47c.
Barley	24.00 to 25.50
Baled hay	\$14.00 to \$19.00
Dressed beef	12 to 14c.
Sheep and lamb	\$2.50 to \$3.50
Hogs	\$7.50 to \$8.65
Live poultry	15 to 18c.
Dressed poultry	15 to 22c.
Butter	30 to 40c.
Eggs	35 to 40c.

ARCOLA.

Miss Eva Ashenfelter left on Tuesday for Bermuda, where she will spend her Christmas vacation of two weeks.

Mrs. Tarter spent one day of last week with Mrs. Klink of Phoenixville.

The Red Russet Company has recently purchased twenty acres of land from the adjoining farm, on which they have planted nineteen hundred apple trees, nine hundred of which are "Yellow Transparent." They have also planted seven hundred peach trees the past season.

Miss Eleanor Hart spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Philip Forster is having an artesian well drilled. William Brown, of Spring City, is doing the work.

Mrs. Charles Schaffer spent Thursday with Mrs. Joseph Stierly.

A Christmas entertainment was held at Quaker school, Saturday evening. All the pupils did their parts well. Santa Claus visited them and presented each with a box of candy and an orange. It was fairly well attended.

Edward Plush and family visited John Dettra, at Oaks on Sunday.

ESTATE NOTICE.—Estate of D. Hearn Casselberry, late of Lower Providence, Montgomery county, deceased. Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims to present the same without delay to

D. MORGAN CASSELLBERRY, JOHN H. CASSELLBERRY, Administrators, Lower Providence, Pa. Or their attorney, J. Stroud Weber, at East Alty St., Norristown, Pa.

LOST.—Between Aylesworth store, Trappe, and Shepherd's hotel, Collegeville, a lap robe. Finder will be suitably rewarded by M. V. WEBER, M. D., 12-25 Evansburg, Pa.

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NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Collegeville Gas Company will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 1914, in the fire hall between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m., to elect directors for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may be necessary. By order of the directors, G. F. CLAMER, President.

PROPOSALS.—The Directors of the Poor will receive proposals for medical services for the year 1914, for the Poor Districts of the Boroughs of Collegeville and Trappe, and the Townships of Limerick and Upper Providence (not included in Royersford District). Further particulars and requirements can be obtained from the Secretary, Free State Penn. Trust Building, Norristown, Pa. Send proposals in writing under seal to Dr. J. D. Brown, Steward, P. O. address, Royersford, Pa., not later than Saturday, January 3rd, 1914. 12-25 JOHN N. JACOBS, Controller.

CHARTER NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Tuesday, January 5, 1914, by John C. Dettra, Harry Brookhurst and Charles L. Campbell, under the Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1911, and the several supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "JOHN C. DETTRA & COMPANY, INC." the character and object of which is the manufacture of flags and their accessories and other novelties of a similar or ceramic character, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and the supplements thereto. 12-11 EVANS & DETTRA, Solicitors.

The ARRIVAL of the NEW YEAR is hailed generally by the making of good resolutions for the coming year. Let one of them be to open an account for yourself and your children in a reliable Savings Bank. It will lead to habits of thrift and future prosperity. Begin to save on January 1st and open an account in the

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